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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CP1

I am respectfully requesting that your administration grant the above numbered petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I am listing the following reasons:

1. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
2. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease" which may be linked to the fatal human illness C D or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).
3. It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are often badly injured causing broken bones and torn ligaments.
4. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
5. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and your support of this petition.

Sincerely yours,

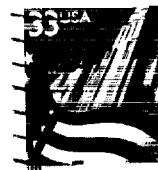
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